AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently Amended) A molded article comprising a coloured polymer composition comprising
 - a propylene nucleated with a polymerized vinyl compound and having an at least 7°C higher crystallization temperature than that of the corresponding non-nucleated polymer, and
 - a non-white or non-black organic colour pigment having a concentration of 2 wt-% to 5 wt-% calculated from the weight of the nucleated propylene polymer wherein said polymer nucleated with a polymerized vinyl compound comprises a propylene polymer polymerized in the presence of a catalyst modified with a polymer containing vinyl compound units and wherein said article has a delta max for cross direction shrinkage of less than 0.38%.
- 2. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the colour pigment has a nucleating effect on the propylene polymer.
- 3. (Original) The composition of claim 1 or 2, wherein the shrinkage of the composition, calculated by comparing the measured dimension of an injection moulded box with the nominal mould dimension, varies less than 5% for different colour pigments.
- 4. (Original) The polymer composition according to claim 1, wherein the propylene polymer contains about 0.0001 to 1% by weight of units derived from a vinyl compound of the formula

wherein R₁ and R₂ together for a 5 and 6 membered saturated or unsaturated or aromatic ring or they stand independently for a lower alkyl comprising 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

5. (Previously Presented) The polymer composition according to claim 4, wherein the propylene polymer contains units derived from cycloalkane units, 3-methyl-1-butene, styrene, p-methyl-styrene, 3-ethyl-hexane units or mixtures thereof.

6. (Canceled)

- 7. (Previously Presented) The polymer composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymer nucleated with a polymerized vinyl compound comprises a propylene homo-or copolymer blended with a polymer containing polymerized vinyl compound units.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The polymer composition according to claim 1, wherein the pigment is selected from the group consisting of white pigments, pigments ranging from yellow to orange, pigments ranging from red to violet, and pigments ranging from blue to green and earbon black.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The polymer composition according to claim 8, wherein the pigment is selected from the group consisting of titanium dioxide, isoindolinone, azocondensation, quinacridone, diketo pyrrolo pyrol, ultramarine blue, and Cu Phtalocyanine blue and carbon black.
- (Currently Amended) A method for controlling shrinkage of a molded colored polymer composition comprising
 - (a) modifying a polymerization catalyst with vinyl compounds;
 - (b) <u>using reacting</u> said modified catalyst in a reaction with propylene to produce a nucleated propylene polymer; and

(c) blending said nucleated propylene polymer with a <u>non-white or non-black</u> coloring pigment,

wherein said pigment is 2 wt-% to 5 wt-% calculated from the weight of said nucleated propylene polymer and wherein said delta max for cross direction shrinkage in said molded composition is less than 0.38%.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10 wherein 100 parts by weight of said nucleated [poly]propylene polymer composition contains about 0.0001 to 1% by weight of units derived from a vinyl compound of the formula

wherein R_1 and R_2 together form a 5 or 6 membered saturated or unsaturated or aromatic ring or they stand independently for a lower alkyl comprising 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

- 12. (Previously Presented) A method for the manufacture of polymer articles comprising subjecting the polymer compound according to claim 1 to injection moulding or compression moulding, thermoforming, blow moulding, film or sheet extrusion, or pipe or cable extrusion to obtain polymer articles.
- (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 12, wherein said polymer articles are caps or closures for food, household, hygiene or health-care applications.
- 14. (Previously Presented) The polymer composition according to claim 5, wherein said propylene polymer contains units selected from units derived from the group consisting

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of vinyl cyclohexane, vinyl cyclopentane, vinyl-2-methyl cyclohexane or mixtures thereof.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein said nucleated propylene polymer is blended with 2 parts to 5 parts by weight of a non-white or non-black coloring pigment selected from the group consisting of white pigments, green pigments, red pigments, and blue pigments and earben black, to provide a colored polypropylene composition, wherein the shrinkage of said colored polypropylene composition varies less than 5% for different color pigments, said shrinkage being calculated by comparing the measured dimension of an injection moulded box with the nominal mould dimension.

16. (Canceled)